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SUBJECT: DIVISION OF IGS TRAFFIC BETWEEN
TEGEL/TEMPELHOF

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1. SUMMARY: BERLIN PAPERS HAVE SURFACED STORY ON POSSIBILITY
OF PAN AM REMAINING AT TEMPELHOF. ALTHOUGH SENAT DESIRES
TO LOW-KEY ISSUE, OPPOSITION BLAMING SENAT FOR MIS-
HANDLING SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. BERLIN NEWSPAPERS FEBRUARY 7 FRONT-PAGES POSSIBILITY OF PAN AM
REMAINING AT TEMPELHOF WHILE BA MOVES TO TEGEL. MORGEN-
POST SAID PAN AM "RESOLVED" TO STAY AT TEMPELHOF, AND
MISSION WAS DISCUSSING ITS STAY WITH SENAT. MISSION
SPOKESMAN DENIED LATTER ASSERTION. FACTUAL PIECE IN
TAGESSPIEGEL SAID PAN AM "CONSIDERING" STAY AT
TEMPELHOF "IN VIEW OF PLANNED ROUTE SWAP."

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PAPER REPORTED SENAT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT AGREEMENTS

ON MOVE WERE FIRM, BUT ATTRIBUTED TO AVIATION CIRCLES
STATEMENT THAT WRITTEN AGREEMENTS DID NOT EXIST.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES, MISSION SPOKESMAN
USED PRESS LINE REF A PARA 8 AND DENIED IMPLICATION OF SEVERAL
PRESS QUESTIONS THAT SUGGESTED "WASHINGTON" OR
"USG" BEHIND IDEA THAT PAN AM REMAIN AT TEMPELHOF.
SOURCE OF THESE SUGGESTIONS MAY BE EITHER PRESS
SPECULATION OR PAN AM PRESS LINE THAT IT BEING ASKED BY
"NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS" IF IT RECONSIDERING DECISION
TO MOVE TO TEGEL IN VIEW OF ROUTE SWAP.

4. BRITISH AIRWAYS STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD MOVE TO TEGEL ONLY WITH
PAN AM GIVEN HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE FEBRUARY 8. BA
EMPHASIZED THAT AIRLINE WHICH MOVED ALONE WOULD BE AT
FINANCIAL DISADVANTAGE. NOT INCLUDED IN STATEMENT WAS
REMARK YESTERDAY BY BA'S BERLIN MANAGER THAT DISADVANTAGE
MIGHT BE OFFSET BY COMPENSATION (REF A, PARA 6).

5. SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS STOBBE PLEADED WITH
MISSION TO DEFLATE ISSUE DURING REMAINDER OF ELECTION
CAMPAIG, WARNING THERE WAS NO CHANCE FOR FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION OF MOVE, BUT NEWSPAPER STORIES HAVE
ALREADY PROVIDED OPPOSITION GRIST FOR ELECTION-
EERING MILL. CDU SPOKESMAN WRONSKI SAID RECONSIDERATION
OF TEGEL MOVE "NOT SURPRISING," AND CHARGED SENAT WITH
"GROSS SPECULATIVE ERROR" IN EXPECTING AIRLINES COULD BE
FORCED TO MOVE TO TEGEL. TAKING MOVE GENERAL TACK, FDP
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN RASCH CALLED MOVE TO TEGEL BY BOTH AIR
LINES IRREVOCABLE, AND DEMANDED THAT SENAT, WITH FRG
AND ALLIES, DEVELOP LONG-RANGE PLAN TO BERLIN AVIATION.

6. SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ HAS PROPOSED TO ALLIED
LIAISON OFFICERS MEETING OF SENAT AVIATION OFFICIALS, ALLIED
AIRLINE EXECUTIVES, AND ALLIED MISSION OFFICERS TO DISCUSS
FULL RANGE OF CURRENT AVIATION PROBLEMS. IN KEEPING
WITH TONE THIS SUGGESTION SENAT SPOKESMAN MADE FURTHER
COMMENT SAME DAY THAT UP TO NOW ALL DISCUSSION WAS
BASED ON RUMOR; SENAT DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMICS DIEDRICH
INDICATED TO PRESS MERELY THAT PANAM CONSIDERING TAKING
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POSITION AGAINST TEGEL MOVE.GEORGE

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